

# K-STATE ROCKS

## SHOWDOWN

John Zetmeir  
sports editor

It's not easy to do what the K-State Wildcats did this season. Since the start of the BCS era, only 18 other teams have started a season 2-4 before winning five of their final six games to become bowl eligible. They are also just the fourth team in Big 12 history to accomplish this feat.

"The biggest thing that we can take out of this is that we never gave in," junior wide receiver Tyler Lockett said. "We kept fighting back and fighting back regardless of the close games that we lost, we came back the next game fighting."

"I'm proud of the fact that they have come back, that they didn't give into it and they tried to move in a different direction."

Bill Snyder  
Head Coach, K-State Football

At one point in the 2013 season, the Wildcats had not been on the winning end of a football game in six weeks. It was just something head coach Bill Snyder's squad had to fight through. Throwing in the towel would have been easy, but that was far from the plan for this team.

"I'm proud of the fact that they have come back, that they didn't give into it and they tried to move in a different direction," Snyder said. "But you remember the losses, the biggest margin was 10 points and I don't think there was a ball game that we played where we didn't have our chances."

The Wildcats never lost a game by

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Parker Robb | Collegian

Junior defensive back Dylan Shellenberg tackles KU wide receiver Christian Matthews as Matthews makes a one-handed catch during the third quarter of the annual Sunflower Showdown Saturday at Memorial Stadium in Lawrence. Shellenberg intercepted a pass from KU quarterback Jake Heaps during the first quarter of the game.

### Bowl games to bring warmer weather for fans



Mike Stanton

K-State's 31-10 win over in-state rival Kansas Saturday in the Sunflower Showdown capped a turnaround from a 2-4 start to end the season at 7-5, good for fifth place in the Big 12. Despite questions at the season's halfway point about whether they would even secure the six wins necessary for a postseason berth, the Wildcats will be bowling for the fourth consecutive year. The only things that remain to be determined are the venue and the opponent.

The most likely scenario for K-State is a berth in the Holiday Bowl on Dec. 30 in San Diego, pitting the Wildcats against the third selection from the Pac-12, which will probably be the loser of Saturday's Pac 12 Championship Game between Arizona State and Stanford. K-State isn't likely to get another shot at Oregon, who beat them handily at last year's Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz. as the Alamo Bowl will probably select the Ducks if their BCS hopes don't pan out.

K-State also has an outside shot at the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl on Dec. 28th in Tempe. The bowl has the third pick of Big 12 teams after BCS selections, so if Baylor receives an at-large bid in addition to Oklahoma State's automatic bid for winning the conference, the Wildcats would shift up to a higher selection. In order for Baylor to secure an at-large bid, they need to beat Texas on Saturday in Waco, Texas and get a significant amount of help. The Bears will be rooting hard for Bowling Green to beat Northern Illinois, who would lock up an automatic at-large selection by finishing the season undefeated. If Northern Illinois does beat Bowling Green, Baylor's BCS hopes would hinge on the executives of the Orange Bowl, who would likely decide between Baylor and the 10-2

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## Various K-State communities participate in Adopt A Family

Megan Wheeler  
contributing writer

Each year, with the help of Manhattan organizations and residents, Adopt A Family works to provide Christmas gifts for families who could not afford to do so otherwise. Organized by Junior League of the Flint Hills, Adopt A Family provided presents for over 700 children last year, from infancy up to 18 years of age if they were still in high school, as a small incentive for children to stay educated. For a family to qualify for Adopt A Family, they must reside in Manhattan or Ogden, and earn restricted income with proper documentation.

K-State Athletics have been involved with Adopt A Family for a few years now.

"We serve about four families every year with about three to four kids and two parents," Gianna Misenhelter, junior in mass communications and women's golf team

member, said. "We ask that every student athlete give a minimum donation of \$5 and coaches to donate what they can as well."

With the money they raise split evenly between the families, K-State Athletics then goes shopping to fill the families' wish lists and deliver the wrapped presents to the their houses before Christmas break.

Jose Delatorrealeal, sophomore in information systems, first got involved with the program last month when he heard there was a need for interpreters during application processes. As an interpreter,

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Brook Morris | Collegian

Emma Gantz, senior in agronomy, picks a family off of the Christmas tree for the Agronomy Club to Adopt A Family in Hale Library. Adopt A Family provides gifts to children in families that cannot afford to give their children gifts at during the holidays.



## Call me 'Big Poppi,' Local bike store earns national honor

Ellie Holcomb  
staff writer

Big Poppi Bicycle Company, a small locally owned bike shop in Aggieville, was named one of America's Best Bike Shops for 2013 by the National Bicycle Dealers Association. The store, owned by Jeff Koenig and Aaron Apel, does more than just fix and sell bicycles; the staff strives to treat every customer with care and help create a healthier public.

Big Poppi got its start five years ago and has grown in impact and popularity ever since.

"We were originally three partners who ran into each other and decided our community could use another bike store," Koenig said.

As Big Poppi has grown, the owners said they have worked to do more for the Manhattan community.

"The biggest impact we have on the community is public health," Koenig said. "As we know, the obesity rate is rising. As a result of the group rides we do and the advocacy, we've gotten more people on bikes."

The store does all repairs in-house, sells and builds several different types of bikes and advocates for a more bike-friendly community. While their staff is diverse, they have a common interest in bicycles as well as a desire to serve and listen to customers.

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## K-State Weekly Calendar: Week of Dec. 2

<b>Monday, Dec. 2</b> <b>Community Cinema - The State of Arizona:</b> A film about the controversial SB1070 immigration law in Arizona. Leadership Studies Building Town Hall, 7 p.m.	<b>Wednesday, Dec. 4</b> <b>Walk-In Wednesday:</b> Free resume and cover letter reviews with no appointment necessary. Holtz Hall, noon-4 p.m. <b>Bakery Science Club Bake Sale:</b> Shellenberger Hall, 3-5 p.m. <b>K-State Wind Symphony and Wind Ensemble:</b> Conducted by Frank Tracz and Don Linn. McCain Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Friday, Dec. 6</b> <b>Intramural 3-Point Shootout:</b> Times on Dec. 6 and 7 assigned upon registration through Recreation Services. Entries accepted Dec. 2-5 in the Rec office. Chester Peters Recreation Complex. <b>Flute Ensemble:</b> Directed by Karen Large. McCain Auditorium, 7:30 p.m. <b>K-State After Hours-Rock'it Bowl:</b> Free bowling, billiards, and food. Union Bowling Alley, 10:30 p.m. to 1 a.m.	<b>Sunday, Dec. 8</b> <b>McCain Holiday Home Tour:</b> Fundraiser for McCain Auditorium featuring tours of five area residences and a sorority house decorated for the holidays. Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. <b>Holiday Choral Concert:</b> Featuring K-State Singers, In-A-Chord, and other student choral groups. Tickets are \$5 in advance or \$10 at the door. McCain Auditorium, 3 p.m.	<b>If you or your campus organization has an event you'd like to see published in our weekly calendar, please contact managing editor Mike Stanton at <a href="mailto:mstanton@kstatecollegian.com">mstanton@kstatecollegian.com</a> for consideration.</b>
<b>Tuesday, Dec. 3</b> <b>Fair Trade Marketplace:</b> A variety of fair trade goods will be sold to raise funds for ECM. Union Courtyard, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. <b>Bill Nye the Science Guy:</b> Bramlage Coliseum, 7 p.m. Tickets free for students. <b>K-State Concert Band and Brass Ensemble:</b> Conducted by Frank Tracz and Don Linn. McCain Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.	<b>Thursday, Dec. 5</b> <b>WinterDance 2013:</b> A diverse collection of dance choreography performed by K-State Dance students and faculty. Chapman Theatre, Nichols Hall, 7:30 p.m. through Saturday, and 2:30 p.m. Sunday. <b>Men's Basketball:</b> K-State vs. Ole Miss. Bramlage Coliseum, 8 p.m. <b>K-State Jazz Bands:</b> Directed by Wayne Goins. Union Forum Hall, 8 p.m.	<b>Saturday, Dec. 7</b> <b>Women's Basketball:</b> K-State vs. Grambling State. Bramlage Coliseum, 2 p.m. <b>15th Annual Miss Black and Gold Pageant:</b> Presented by Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity. Union Forum Hall, 7 p.m.		



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3 DAYS UNTIL DEADLINE: HOW DEEP DOES THE RABBIT HOLE GO?

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## THE BLOTTER ARREST REPORTS

Thursday, Nov. 28

Richard Ramos Jr., of the 1400 block of Hartford Road, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Damion Lamar Evans, of Fort Riley, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Betty Grace Kebert, of Kansas City, Kan., was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license and failure to appear. Bond was set at \$2,500.

Daniel Joseph Henry, of the 2500 block of Farm Bureau Road, was booked for failure to appear. Bond was set at \$5,000.

Friday, Nov. 29

Darrian Anthony Porter,

homeless, was booked for identity theft, felony theft, burglary of a structure that is not a dwelling, felony criminal use of financial card and probation violation. Bond was set at \$13,000.

Saturday, Nov. 30

Eddie Lynn Owens, of the 600 block of Moro Street, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,000.

Mark William Hedke, of St. George, Kan., was booked for driving with a canceled, suspended or revoked license. Bond was set at \$750.

Sunday, Dec. 1

Samuel Franklin Nelson, of the 700 block of Laramie Street, was booked for criminal trespassing. Bond was set at \$750.

Maximus Lee Brumback, of the 200 block of Hunter Place, was booked for domestic battery. Bond was set at \$1,500.

Trajuan Jerome Nash, of Junction City, was booked for purchase or consumption of alcohol by a minor. Bond was set at \$750.

Corbin Duane McMorris, of Junction City, was booked for criminal trespassing. Bond was set at \$750.

Cornelius Cecelio Hannah, of Fort Riley, was booked for disorderly conduct. Bond was set at \$750.

Chantel Shivon Coates, of Junction City, was booked for driving under the influence. Bond was set at \$750.

## Doctoral defenses, dissertations

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of **Vahid Rahmani**, titled, "Assessing Impacts of Climate Change on Kansas Water Resources: Rainfall Trends and Risk Analysis of Water Control Structures." It will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday in Seaton 133.

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of **Raymond Nolan**, titled, "American Indians and the EPA." It will be held at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday in Eisenhower 201.

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of **Erika Martin**, titled, "Ontogenetic Shifts, Habitat Use and Community Structure: How Fishes Use and Influence Protected Tallgrass Prairie Streams." It will be held at 1:30 p.m. Friday in Ackert 36C.

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of **Brian Sancewich**, titled, "Agricultural Marketing and Risk Management Strategies: An Analysis of the United States Livestock Industry." It will be held at 10 a.m. Dec. 9 in Waters 342.

The Graduate School announces the final doctoral dissertation of **Robert Wallace**, titled, "The Determinants of Conflict: North Korea's Foreign Policy Choices, 1960-2011." It will be held at 10 a.m. Dec. 10 in Waters 230.

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Thursday's unlisted clue hint: 11 FOR — FALDO

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# Aid efforts continue to those affected by Typhoon Haiyan

Megan Wheeler  
staff writer

One of the strongest typhoons to ever break land hit the central Philippines this November, estimating to have killed over 4,000 citizens in Tacloban alone and more in other provinces surrounding the area. The death toll is expected to rise as time goes on and the stranded begin to use up their resources. "One of the most difficult aspects of [Typhoon] Haiyan is the remoteness of a lot of the Philippines," Bernadette Greenland, a member of the American Red Cross, said.

"It is extremely difficult for a lot of our teams working out in the field to get to the devastated areas where there are washed out roads and roads covered with debris and fallen trees." Red Cross teams have reported bodies floating down rivers and bodies wrapped in plastic on the sides of roads, an attempt to respect those who have died from the disaster. What remains of the streets is littered with broken power lines, splinters of houses, turned over cars and numerous other objects. "Our main focus is to sustain the lives of the inflicted, however we are

"We are working to provide items that will help to sustain life for these people."

James Insover  
lieutenant officer in the Salvation Army

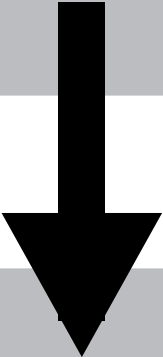
also working to improve the mental aspect of the victims as well," James Insover, lieutenant officer in the Salvation Army, said. Insover and his teams also focus on caring for the people emotionally to help them through the traumatic devastation, which in turn allows the people to focus on their own survival. The survivors of Typhoon Haiyan are not the only ones in danger. The Salvation Army is now realizing the danger their own responders are in, running out of resources to sustain themselves as they attempt to help the survivors.

"The lack of good roads down there is increasingly frustrating," Insover said. "We can't help people if we can't sustain people long enough to get them out there." Ron Hensburg, volunteer for the Salvation Army, said that all of the organization's work is made possible through donations and volunteers. "For the four years I have been volunteering, I always hear the talk of how we need supplies," Hensburg said. "And shortly after I am blessed to hear the talk of how we received the supplies because of donors."

# Kansas, K-State, AIDS: how the disease has impacted our communities

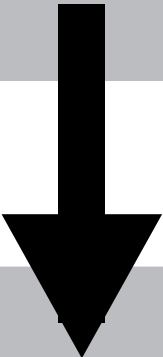
## Infection:

HIV infection can become immediately noticeable after 2-4 weeks. Upon entry, the HIV illness begins to multiply, hijacking and destroying the body's natural defenders, white blood cells. HIV illness activity is initially high until the virus moves to a latent period. AIDS.gov reported HIV carriers to describe the feeling of initial infection as "the worst flu ever."



## HIV Carrier:

Infection can remain dormant for years within the human body, as the virus slows down activity. Still, the virus continues to destroy white blood cells and increase within the blood stream. This period of slowed activity can thrive without signs of symptoms for up to or past eight years. Without proper HIV/AIDS testing, someone infected may not know and pass it onto a partner.



## AIDS:

The transition from having HIV to AIDS occurs when the HIV virus has dropped a carrier's white blood cell count below 200. AIDS patients must receive immediate treatment. At the stage of AIDS, carriers become vulnerable to other infections that the body will not be able to fend off. AIDS.gov cites an average case of AIDS without treatment to last about 3 years before the carrier dies.

Daniela Martinez-Serrano  
staff writer

It has been 25 years since Dec. 1 was globally dubbed World Aids Day by officials of the Global Programme on AIDS, now UNAIDS. All these years later, acquired immune deficiency syndrome continues to affect the lives of millions of people around the world. According to the World Health Organization, since the beginning of the epidemic nearly 35 million people have died due to AIDS-related causes worldwide. The epidemic was first reported on in the early 80s, and WHO reports that over 34 million people are currently infected with HIV/AIDS globally. The Center for Disease Control and Prevention also predicts that there are over 1 million Americans that are currently living with AIDS, and at least 50,000 cases of people newly infected with HIV/AIDS will be reported by the end of this year. Last year, the Annual Kansas HIV/AIDS Report conducted by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, reported a total of 26 prevalent cases of HIV/AIDS in Riley County. Among all 105 counties in Kansas, Riley County ranked 11th in the number of prevalent HIV/AIDS cases. Sedgwick County had the highest number of prevalent HIV/AIDS cases in the state with 684, followed by Johnson County, Wyandotte County, Shawnee County and Douglas County. The identities and contact information of the people affected with AIDS in each county are kept confidential by KDHE. "Confidential name-based reporting has been in place since 2000 and continues to be utilized," Miranda Steele, communications director of KDHE, said. "Under Kansas statutes, both the provider ordering the test and the laboratory process-

ing the test are responsible for reporting." Don Carrel, a 1973 K-State graduate and author of "My Dream to Trample AIDS," first contracted the HIV virus in 1981. Less than 2 percent of people who got infected with AIDS in 1981 are currently living. "When I was first diagnosed with HIV [1985], I was told to get my affairs together, and that I would be sick in less than a year and dead in two," Carrel said. According to Charlisa Molemohi, Lafene Health Center health educator, HIV is first passed on if a person who is not infected engages in sexual activity or shares needles with a person who is infected. HIV then attacks a person's immune system and after a person's CD4 cell and white blood cell counts drop to less than 200, that person will then develop AIDS. It could take years before symptoms of the HIV virus start to surface. "[HIV] takes over your body which leaves you more at risk for getting pneumonia or a common cold," Molemohi said. "That's what you end up getting sick from. You don't die from AIDS, you die from a complication." In 1995, Carrel contracted pneumocystis carinii pneumonia, the most frequent cause of death for people with AIDS. After slowly recovering from PCP, Carrel began taking AIDS medication. "One of the biggest things you worry about is being able to pay for your treatment," Carrel said. "It's expensive and the medication has terrible side effects, I almost died three times from a bad reaction. It also causes psychological effects." Dr. Dennis R. Howard was Carrel's best friend and a former K-State tenured veterinary professor who was diagnosed with HIV in 1986 and died of pneumonia in 1988. Howard was put on AIDS medication after

his diagnosis, but later forewent all treatment after experiencing uncomfortable side effects and AIDS related dementia. Howard drew statewide attention when he accused K-State officials of discrimination after he was medically retired from his job. According to university archives, Howard claimed that his office would often be rigorously disinfected with bleach, he was often monitored by K-State staff when he would use staff bathrooms and was allegedly misled by staff into signing personnel documents. The case was soon dismissed by the Kansas Commission on Civil Rights for lack of probable cause. In response, K-State adapted the K-State Guideline for AIDS, ARC and AIDS Virus in 1986, where the university stated proper protocol if a student, staff or faculty member was diagnosed with AIDS. The guidelines were later modified in 1989 and are still practiced today by K-State officials. "We don't treat anyone differently," Molemohi said. "We keep everyone's medical records confidential, and do not discriminate in any way." Molemohi went on to explain that the best way to protect yourself from contacting AIDS is to not share needles, practice safe sex and get tested. "There are a lot of different tests, like urine, oral and blood, with blood being the most effective in detecting HIV/AIDS," Molemohi said. "Not everyone should get tested but if you are exposing yourself and putting yourself at risk than you should get tested." There is still no cure for AIDS, yet young adults tend still to have misconceptions over the virus. "The biggest misconception they have is that it can't happen to me," Carrel said. "HIV has no cure, it impacts your ability to date, get married, impacts one's ability to have kids."

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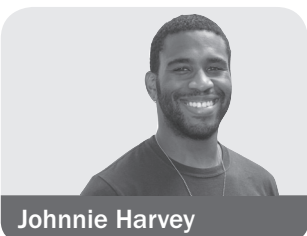
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# Health care: just another broken promise



It's becoming harder and harder to believe in President Barack Obama.

For months, the Obama administration rallied the American people for what was described as a new dawn for American health care. The Affordable Care Act was supposed to be a great option for the nation, with "option" being the focus word in the sentence.

We rolled with the setbacks, we tucked the glitches. But then came the sucker punch: after the sign-up process for Obamacare was up, we found out we would not be allowed to keep our existing health care plans. Many had already received cancellation letters from their health care providers due to the new law. And just like that, national approval of Obamacare and the Democratic Party diminished. A Nov. 25 Huffington Post article indicated that more than half of the country does not trust the president, and he's down to just a 41 percent approval rating on a recent Gallup poll. With Republicans fanning the flames saying "I told you so," the steady decline continues. What does that say about this administration?

"I personally believe, even if it takes a change in the law, the president should honor the commitment the federal government made to those people and let them keep what they got," former president Bill Clinton said in an interview with ABC News.

Clinton, who has said he still thinks the Affordable Care Act is a necessity for the nation, said Obama made it extremely vulnerable to Republican attacks. Democrats now blame him for their nationwide disapproval, which was skyscraper high during the government shutdown. With no one in his corner, a harsh light is being cast upon the president's face; a light that makes us revisit things from his recent presidency like the Benghazi scandal, the IRA scandal or the scandal between Edward Snowden and the National Security Agency.

Obama promised to strengthen our relationship with the rest of the world, something that had been tarnished during the Bush administration. But alas, our global standing is at an all-time low. When Snowden leaked top-secret reports of misdeeds in the NSA earlier this year, a floodgate was raised and the U.S. government took the brunt of international outrage. Not only were they spying on American citizens, but also many world leaders. This, along with the unadvised U.S. involvement in Syria, the use of drones and the government



Illustration by Kathleen Murray

shutdown, has left us on one of the lowest sections of the international totem pole.

One of the main points of distrust for the president is his broken promises. He promised to raise the minimum wage to \$10 an hour, yet Walmart employees are still scanning boxes of Cheerios for around \$8 an hour. He promised that by the end of the year all soldiers would be brought back home and yet husbands, wives, parents and children still wait for their loved ones to return from the front lines.

In his defense, the Republicans have taken the filibuster and made it a nuclear warhead for

any propositions Obama offered throughout his presidency. Whenever he tried to present a new law or a change to an existing policy, the president was met with an icy wall of disapproval. Many of the reforms Obama had were cut down in such a fashion. Obama said he wanted to bring a new era to the White House, one where both Democrat and Republican would be able to function together for the betterment of this country. The government shutdown is a prime example for the sunken ship that turned out to be.

In order for the president to regain international respect again, something has to be done. The

health care law will have to take a serious critical eye and be fully revamped to the standards of the citizens. We will have to be able to see an end to over a decade of losing countless brave men and women to wars we don't approve of. And most of all, we will have to get back the dignity and the pride we once had when we thought of ourselves as a global power.

In short, President Barack Obama still has a lot of work to do in the next two years of his term.

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FROM THE  
PRESIDENT'S DESK

## Executive branch works to serve students



K-State,

I hope you had a restful Fall Break! Only 10 more days of class, a few finals and then we'll have a real break! As many of you know, K-State Student Governing Association is structured just like the Kansas state government or U.S. federal government: three branches – executive, legislative and judicial – work together with each having its own unique function to serve the student body. This week, I want to briefly explain the function of the executive branch; many of the individuals who serve within it work largely behind the scenes but are deserving of credit!

Jake and I can't do everything – shocking, I know – and that's why we have individuals who are experts in various areas that serve on our Cabinet. For instance, Kaley Oldani, graduate student in civil engineering, serves as student director of sustainability and works with K-State's Director of Sustainability Ben Champion, to enhance our university's green-related efforts and initiatives.

Eric Haun, senior in finance, and Matt Brill, junior in accounting, are our state relations director and local relations director, respectively, and work with the state and local governments to advocate on behalf of our university and fight for funding and other beneficial policies.

Our Technology Coordinator Theo Stavropoulos, senior in management, Safety Director Mark Johnson, sophomore in secondary education, and Director of Retention Strategies Shai Washington, sophomore in political science, each serve on numerous university committees relevant to their issue area and work hard to enhance the student experiences at K-State.

As we all know, K-State is a diverse place, with students coming from locations around the state, nation, and world. That's why Zuleika Gerardo, senior in park management and conservation and multi-cultural affairs director, and Tanmay Varma, international affairs director, serve on our Cabinet as liaisons to the communities they serve and as advisers to Jake and I on any and all issues that may affect them. Ethan Hawkins, senior in social sciences and SGA's residence hall liaison, works to reach the huge population of students who live in K-State's awesome residence halls and to keep Jake and I up to date on the happenings of the Association of Residence Halls.

Getting the word out about what SGA does is a huge task in and of itself, and our Public Relations Director Ava Clark, sophomore in industrial engineering, does an excellent job of maintaining the SGA blog, [blogs.ksu.edu/sga](http://blogs.ksu.edu/sga), Twitter and Facebook accounts. Hearing the concerns of the student body is our number one priority while in office, and our Student Affairs Director Steph Hughes, sophomore in marketing, helps us to do that through her coordination of the InTouch program, which spreads the message of SGA to student organizations around campus.

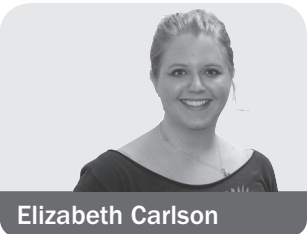
Finally, we're lucky to have Chance Berndt, junior in marketing and executive initiatives director, and Abby Works, senior in chemistry and chief of staff, by our side every day. They both work to support each and every project Jake and I launch as well as those of the rest of Cabinet. We couldn't do it without the work of each and every member of the executive branch!

So there you have it, 13 individuals – in addition to Jake and I – who are working to improve the university we all love and call home. If any of those positions sound like something you'd be interested in, applications are accepted in March and April and can be found at [ksu.edu/sga/](http://ksu.edu/sga/)!

Happy December!

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# Low soldier salaries reflects culture's skewed priorities



One of the quickest and easiest ways to acquire a large chunk of money in the United States is to frequently go out every other night, drink heavily, get into a variety of altercations and become either completely loved or hated in the media. Give it a year, or even six months, and you'll be luxuriously set for a good amount of time.

Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi, for example, is set for life. She earned \$150,000 per TV episode of Jersey Shore, not to mention the

ridiculous checks she — or any other cast member — receives for simply appearing at a club. However, Polizzi would top out at a little over \$68,000 annually if she served for 12 years in the military.

I will be the first to admit that I am a guilty indulger in reality TV, especially the ultra-trashy and unintelligent kind. If I could make over 10 times what my parents make simply by looking hot and partying for a year, I would absolutely do it. It's a large sum of money that would change my life, and all it

would cost me is a shred of my dignity that I could probably buy back with ease.

This does not mean that such a means of "employment" has a fair or just labor-to-income ratio. I wouldn't be forced to be away from my loved ones for significant periods of time. I wouldn't be forced to put my own mental and physical health on the line for the good of my country. And I

wouldn't be risking being deployed to another country to possibly lose my life. I would simply be making disgusting amounts of money by living as a hedonist, and having it be aired on TV for the general public.

Even though I would take advantage of such an opportunity — most broke college students in need of tuition money, rent money and grocery money would — it still bothers me is that this is even an option. Given how little those who serve in the military are paid compared to being a reality TV star begs the question: are our culture's priorities really where they should be?

Granted, those who star in reality TV have things at risk too: their reputation among the general public, or an unflattering photograph taken of them by the paparazzi and the potential of ridicule by

viewers. However, the way to fix that overnight is by having thick skin. I take a risk of those who read my columns hating my guts, disliking my style of writing and thinking I have no idea what I'm talking about. The key to surviving is not caring what other people think of me, so long as I'm not trying to impress them.

As stated earlier, those who serve in the military and their loved ones, especially those who are or have been deployed, put a lot more at stake such as their own survival, the course of their lives after service, and every factor of health. It makes zero sense to me why their income is only a fraction of someone who parties on a TV show for a living.

I am aware that it does take a substantial amount of money to make a TV show, but are the paychecks these "stars" are getting really equivalent to the amount of actual work they're doing? I am aware of the benefits that come with serving in the military, yet they don't always seem to measure up to the amount of real sacrifices made. The money even the lowest paid cast member on Jersey Shore makes still far exceeds someone who has invested years putting his or her life on the line.

As I stated in a previous column, I think our culture's priorities need to be reevaluated. It does not take extensive training to be involved with drama and drink heavily, it's something that one just chooses to do. When you enlist you go through extensive training in how to put your life on the line in order to protect your country and your military. With that, I also believe that the distribution of where our money goes in terms of who gets how much for a paycheck is due for reconsideration as well.

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# Players of the Game: K-State vs KU



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K-State sophomore defensive back **Dante Barnett** caught two of the four interceptions the Wildcats had against the Kansas Jayhawks at Memorial Stadium in Lawrence on Saturday. The Wildcats won the Sunflower Showdown for the fifth straight time after a 31-10 win.

**Spencer Low**  
staff writer

**Offensive Player of the Game:**  
**Running back John Hubert**

Hubert walked off in dramatic fashion in his final game in the state of Kansas today at Memorial Stadium in Lawrence. The senior running back notched a career-high 220 yards in his last regular-season game for K-State, averaging 7.3 yards per carry with one touchdown on the afternoon.

"Hubert was awesome," junior center B.J. Finney said after the game. "He was hitting the holes, he was run-

ning hard. Even when we didn't have holes he was trying to get what we could, and that's what we need."

Hubert is now at 968 yards on the season, well within striking distance of 1,000 on the year with a good performance in K-State's bowl game.

The Wildcat running game began and ended with Hubert, as he ripped off multiple long runs, including a long of 41.

"I just got through talking to John, I told him how proud I was of him," said head coach Bill Snyder after the game. "He ran extremely hard and that's what has been important for him."

He was especially effective on K-State's second scoring drive. Up 7-0 with 2:18 left in the first quarter, Hubert ripped off runs of 11, 24, and 21 yards, his last one for a touchdown.

"John was John," senior wide receiver Tramaine Thompson said. "He's a beast. He's a good back. He had 220 yards and it just shows what he can do and could've done the whole year. He did a great job today."

The Wildcat rushing attack has been successful this season coming from many different players, with sophomore quarterback Daniel Sams and junior quarterback Jake

Waters key complements to Hubert. However, Saturday was all about Hubert as Sams carried the ball just twice for a loss of seven, and Waters was ineffective outside of his 15 yard touchdown run.

"He reads holes pretty well, so sometimes he gets caught dancing a bit, but today he didn't," Snyder said on how Hubert found success. "He got his pads down and made people miss him, he spun off of blocks, he ran hard, I was really proud of his effort."

**Defensive Player of the Game:**  
**Safety Dante Barnett**

On a day where the K-State de-

fense forced six Kansas turnovers, there were plenty of stars. Kansas' two quarterbacks, Jake Heaps and Montell Cozart, combined to throw four interceptions to three different Wildcats. Junior safety Dylan Shellenberg and senior cornerback Dorian Roberts each had one pick, but sophomore safety Dante Barnett stood out, with two interceptions and a fumble recovery.

The ball seemed to find Barnett all game, and he certainly felt good about continuously taking the ball out of the Jayhawks hands and delivering it back to Hubert and the offense.

"It's one of the best feelings in the world, when you can go out there and get a good turnover and have your offense on the field and you can go on the sidelines and sit down," he said about his three takeaways.

The Oklahoma native's first pick came in the third quarter, grabbing a ball thrown by Heaps at the Wildcats' 46, returning it 16 yards to set up a K-State touchdown.

Barnett's second interception came as the Jayhawks were knocking on the door to the end zone: Barnett picked off Heaps again, this time on the goal line, returning it 31 yards to get the Wildcats out of a jam and put the offense back on the field.

"I had coverage going with the corner, and the receiver released the same way so I just looked for back-side help," said Barnett about the play. "I saw the quarterback staring down the receiver and I went in and tried to make a play."

Barnett's day was huge for the Wildcats. Although K-State won by 21 points, the win was not necessarily a pretty one and the six turnovers by the Jayhawks ensured that K-State stayed on top.

"KU kept fighting hard," said Barnett. "No matter how many turnovers we had, I was looking up at the scoreboard and it was only a couple of touchdowns away. We never got complacent in this game."

Barnett had a big game on a big stage, taking down the Wildcats' bitter in-state rival in the Sunflower Showdown. Both teams have a plethora of players from the state, and a win means a lot not just to Kansas natives but to veterans of both programs as well.

"It's a big rivalry, a lot of Kansas kids on our team," said the sophomore. "Since we went out and got the victory for them, it means everything."

## MEN'S BASKETBALL

# K-State crushes Central Arkansas 87-54 Sunday

**Spencer Low**  
staff writer

In front of a minuscule crowd at Bramlage Coliseum, the K-State men's basketball team climbed to 4-3 with a dominant 87-54 victory over Central Arkansas, who fell to 2-4 on the season.

The Wildcats had plenty of bright spots on the afternoon, starting with senior guard Shane Southwell, who posted a game-high 19 points.

"I'm happy for Shane," head coach Bruce Weber said after the game. "He came in the gym last week, put some time in. After struggling early he got rewarded and got some shots down, I hope that continues."

After a slow start to the season, Southwell looked like he did last year when he was a major playmaker for a team that won a conference championship.

"I just needed to get back to what I was doing all last year, coming in the gym, shooting, and working with the coaches on shooting," Southwell said. "It paid off today."

Junior forward Thomas Gipson also had a huge day with 17 points and six rebounds, in-

cluding the first six points of the game for K-State.

The Wildcats used Gipson's hot start to jump out to an early 12-2 lead and never looked back. K-State took a 40-19 lead into halftime and were able to coast to the victory.

"We did a good job from the start of setting the tone," said Weber after the game. "They're a team that's a little bit dangerous. We got the ball in to Thomas [Gipson] right away, took advantage of our size, and then we made some more shots."

Gipson was a force inside for the Wildcats, as none of Central Arkansas players could match up in size or strength, allowing him to have his way around the rim.

"He's been a very much improved dominant player in our practices. We expect this from him," Weber said. "He's a forceful guy. With less weight he's more explosive, he's more agile, better endurance."

The Wildcats absolutely dominated the glass, finishing with 52-to-22 rebounding advantage on the day, that included 23 offensive rebounds for the Cats.

"We had size, a little more size body-wise," Weber said. "They

started small, I think they felt they could be quick. Especially offensive rebounds, we were able to be a little more forceful in that. We have put a lot of time into rebounding since the beginning of the year, and probably put even more emphasis in the last couple weeks since we've been kind of pounded on the boards."

After being led by freshmen in many games so far this season, upperclassmen stepped up and carried the team to a victory. Five of the top six scorers for K-State were upperclassmen: senior guard Will Spradling and senior forward Nino Williams each had nine points, while sophomore forward DJ Johnson had eight points and 10 rebounds.

Freshman guard Marcus Foster continued his solid play this season with 10 points, connecting on 2-of-7 threes and 3-of-11 overall. Fellow freshman Wesley Iwundu had a good day as well, with seven points and eight rebounds for the forward.

K-State's defense upheld the great all-around effort and did not allow Central Arkansas to get into any type groove during the game, dominating from the opening tip to the final buzzer

with a strong performance. Central Arkansas shot just 39 percent for the game.

"Defensively we've been pretty solid," Weber said. "That's a team that scored in the 90s a couple times, and we do a good job of contesting shots and not letting them get any rhythm."

Still, with the competition set to increase in the near future, Weber looks for consistent intensity.

"Second half, we seemed to let up a little bit," Weber said. "A team like Mississippi on Thursday, we can't give teams opportunities."

K-State faces a huge test Thursday as undefeated Ole Miss comes to Manhattan for an 8 p.m. tip-off. Weber said he is looking for the K-State faithful to give the Wildcats a boost.

"It will be a big challenge for us," Weber said of Thursday's matchup. "We've talked about continuing to make strides in December, it has to be our month that we take a big step. We'll have a huge challenge on Thursday and we need Bramlage rocking, we need people there and we need to play at a high level and see if we can compete with a top level team that's 6-0 right now."

## WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

# Wildcats lose to SMU, win against Virginia in Grand Bahama

**David Embers**  
staff writer

The K-State women's basketball team traveled to Freeport, Grand Bahama in the Bahamas over Thanksgiving break to participate in the 11th annual NCAA Women's Junkanoo Jam. The tournament featured two separate brackets, each with four teams. The Lucaya division featured Tennessee, SMU, Virginia and K-State.

The Wildcats opened up the tournament on Thanksgiving Day against SMU. K-State entered the game 2-2, and was still working on finding a rotation. The Wildcats fell to SMU 68-57. Even with their third-consecutive loss, K-State found a bright spot in the play of junior guard Ashia Woods, who made her season debut after recovering from a torn

Achilles-tendon. Woods led the Wildcats with 16 points, and provided head coach Deb Patterson with added depth and scoring from the outside. Junior Haley Texada and freshman Leticia Romero were the only other Wildcats in double figures, finishing with 13 and 10 respectively. Defensively, K-State held SMU to 33 percent shooting, but sent the Mustangs to the foul line 27 times.

The Wildcats were back in action the following night, this time against Virginia. After three straight losses, K-State got back on track with a 49-46 win, moving their record to 3-3 on the season. Freshman center Breanna Lewis anchored the Wildcats inside, finishing with eight points and 10 rebounds, and helping

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# K-State volleyball celebrates Senior Day, upsets Iowa State with 3-0 win

**Emilio Rivera**  
staff writer

In a season full of ups and downs, the K-State volleyball team ended their season with a bang against powerful No. 25 Iowa State Saturday night in Ahearn Field House.

The Wildcats swept the Cyclones 25-21, 25-16, 25-23, showing the Cyclones the door just as Cyclones did when they swept the Wildcats in Ames, Iowa earlier in the season. This victory marks the second-straight year the Wildcats have beaten a ranked Cyclone team at home and the third-straight year that the Wildcats won at least 10 matches at home.

Senior outside hitter Courtney Traxson led the team with 11 kills. Senior middle blocker Kaitlynn Pelger wasn't far behind with 10 kills on .231 hitting. Pelger ended the season leading the team with 322 kills on the season, having an average of 3.07 kills per set.

The Wildcats led for most of the first set, only falling behind for one point. It wasn't until a Cyclone error put the Wildcats ahead 18-15 that K-State started pulling away in the set.

The second set saw the Wildcats break open to a 18-10 lead. The Wildcats capitalized on eight errors for the Cyclones to win the

second set comfortably. The stat of the set was that 10 of the Cyclones 16 points came from Wildcat attacking errors, showing that the Wildcats couldn't win the set in even bigger fashion.

The third set saw the Cyclones claw their way out of a deficit to take a lead midway through the set. Traxson had two big tie-breaking kills to give the Wildcats momentum before a Cyclone error gave the Wildcats a 19-18 lead that they didn't relinquish for the remainder of the set.

The Wildcats saw six seniors play in their final match. The group of Traxson, Pelger, Courtney Cook, Dakota Kaufman, Tristram McCarty and Lilla Porubek saw their careers as Wildcats end with the win against the Cyclones. Porubek played in just 13 games before her senior season was ended due to injury in a scrimmage against the U23 Italian national team.

"[We] are so proud of them and so excited for what is next for them," head coach Suzie Fritz said after the game. "So they have to go on and start their lives, and get out of school."

The senior class won 73 games in their four-year stay with the program. For a program that won only 12 games during their freshman year, the improvement was evident over the last three seasons.



Senior outside hitters Courtney Traxson and Dakota Kaufman share an emotional hug during senior night at Ahearn Field House on Saturday.

## KU GAME | Snyder has 18-4 record

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more than that 10-point margin all season. In their five losses, the Wildcats fell by an average of 7.4 points per game, which might leave some wondering "what could have been."

"That's a frustrating experience," Snyder said. "Our players said last night when asked about defining the season in one word, they just said 'frustrated,' but it doesn't take away how much I appreciate the young people in our program and the kind of pride we have in each and every one of them."

On Saturday, the Wildcats made sure to finish out their reg-

ular season on a high note. The Sunflower Showdown against instate rival Kansas is a game that Bill Snyder is not accustomed to losing. After the 31-10 win in Lawrence, Snyder's overall record against the Jayhawks moved to 18-4.

A goal for senior running back John Hubert coming into the season was to eclipse the 1,000 yard rushing mark. In the previous two seasons, Hubert came close to the mark, finishing less than 100 yards away from 1,000 yards each of the past two campaigns. That goal looked like it was slipping away from Hubert until Saturday when Hubert exploded for 220 yards on the ground.

The senior from Waco now sits only 32 yards shy of getting that four-digit season tally.

Another Wildcat who found himself in the record books after a strong performance on Saturday was junior defensive end Ryan Mueller. The Leawood, Kan. native added one more sack on in Lawrence to give him 11.5 on the season, tying the K-State single season record.

Now, the Wildcats will have to sit back and wait to find out which bowl game they will be playing in. Likely destinations for the Wildcats are the Holiday Bowl in San Diego or a return to Tempe, Ariz., where they would play in the Buffalo Wild Wings Bowl.

## BOWL | Safe bet for K-State in San Diego against Cardinal or Sun Devils

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Clemson Tigers from nearby South Carolina. Despite Baylor's one-game record advantage, the Orange Bowl would probably pick Clemson to replace their tie-in with the ACC champion, Florida State, who look to be bound for the national title game.

On the slim chance the Wildcats do land in the BWW Bowl, they would play the fourth or fifth

selection from the Big 10. Iowa and Nebraska currently share the fifth spot in the league with 5-3 conference records. Although Iowa beat the Huskers 38-17, a K-State-Nebraska pairing would certainly intrigue bowl executives due to their history as conference rivals.

However, it's a pretty safe bet that K-State will square off against Stanford or Arizona State in San Diego. The Cardinal beat the Sun Devils in Palo Alto

earlier in the season, but the conference title game will be played in Tempe, and Arizona State looks like an entirely different team at home. Both teams boast 10-2 overall records, but the Devils have a slight edge with an 8-1 conference record to the Cardinal's 7-2.

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# Elisabeth von Trapp, Carolian Brass fill audience with Christmas spirit

**Jessie Pearson**  
staff writer

With a voice that the New York Times called “hauntingly clear,” Elisabeth von Trapp captured the attention of her audience in McCain Auditorium on Sunday afternoon.

“The voice of Elisabeth von Trapp is evocative, emotional, and beautiful,” Todd Holmberg, McCain Auditorium executive director, said. “Her performances are always full of joy and perfect for the holiday season.”

Von Trapp is the granddaughter of Maria and Baron von Trapp, whose story inspired “The Sound of Music.” Born and raised in Stowe, Vt., she began taking piano lessons when she was 8 and was performing throughout New England with her siblings by the age of 16.

People of all ages attended the performance, though much of the audience was made up of older people and families.

Bethany Wallace, a 2010 graduate of K-State with a degree in English, attended the performance with her family.

“We thought it would be a fun Christmas thing to do as a family,” Wallace said.

The Carolian Brass Quintet started the show with a few songs, including a medley from the Nutcracker. They accompanied von Trapp throughout the show.

Members of the quintet are Kenneth Amis, tuba; Mark Hetzler, trombone; Charles Lazarus, trumpet; Gregory Miller, horn and Marc Reese, trumpet.

“All members of the Carolian Brass are world-class virtuoso soloists and have backgrounds as members of major symphony orchestras or professional touring quintets such as the Canadian Brass or Empire Brass,” Holmberg said.

Wallace said the brass quintet added a lot to von Trapp’s performance. She said she really enjoyed the quintet’s version of “Christmas Time is Here” from “A Charlie Brown Christmas.”

“I really love Charlie Brown,” Wallace said.

The Carolian Brass’ performance of “Brass Calendar,” a 12-movement piece that describes one major holiday or event in each month, had the crowd laughing. It included “Income Tax Day” for the month of April and “Dude Ranch Vacation” for the month of August.

Gerr Walton, of Manhattan, also said that the Carolian Brass were excellent. She said she really enjoyed listening to them and von Trapp perform songs that she knew.

“It gets you into the Christmas spirit,” Walton said.

Von Trapp sang a few well-known Christmas songs, including “Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire” and “O Come, O Come Emmanuel.” She also invited the crowd to sing along to “Favorite Things” and “I’m Dreaming of a White Christmas.”

International organ soloist Douglas Major accompanied von Trapp on piano. Von Trapp also played guitar for several of her songs.

Wallace said that while she didn’t really know what to expect at the show, she recognized afterwards that von Trapp and the Carolian Brass were very talented and did a really good job.

“They took different Christmas songs and put their own twist on them,” Wallace said.

Von Trapp has performed in China, Russia, Austria and across the U.S. for audiences from European cathedrals to Washington D.C.’s White House. She has carried on the legacy of the internationally renowned Trapp Family Singers.

# POPPI | Bike shop’s ‘we will listen’ philosophy attracts variety of customers

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“The key is that we do the simple things, like return phone calls, take special orders and take time to understand customers’ goals,” Koenig said.

Big Poppi went through several steps to be named one of America’s Best Bike Shops, including encounters with mystery shoppers and an application describing the shop.

“We were nervous at first because this new program is rigorous,” Koenig said. “Secret shoppers called us and one came in. That counted for a lot of the points. Everyone has a bad day and we were just nervous about making sure we treat everyone well.”

The staff, a group of individuals with a wide range of interests and personalities, has been known in the community for their outstanding service.

“Our staff really represents the people that we’re serving,” Apel said. “We aren’t full of guys who are really gung-ho about racing. We have commuters and campers as well.”

The store serves what they identify as three distinct markets: students, military and long-term Manhattan residents. Students from K-State said they go to Big Poppi for repairs or to buy a bike and enjoy the friendly individual treatment the staff gives them.

“They treat you one-on-one and make you feel at home,” Rebekah Shirley, freshman in nutrition and kinesiology, said. “It was good customer service and the quality is awesome.”

Big Poppi’s management said they are looking forward to organizing more group rides, developing new trails and hosting public events. But the one thing they won’t change about the store is their customer-friendly philosophy.

“There’s a sign in our store that says, ‘We will listen’ kind of says it all,” Koenig said.

# ADOPT | Translators, interpreters

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Delatorreale translates the application form and rules for applying from English to Spanish and volunteers to help families who only speak Spanish during the application processes.

“The program has made me aware of the great need of the Latino community,” Delatorreale said. “I feel as if, because of the language barrier, they could not benefit from the great opportunities this country has to offer. It has also made me aware of how strong the Latino community is; that even when many of them don’t speak English, they still manage to find and keep jobs. Those low paying jobs the majority of people don’t want but after all, they’re able to survive.”

K-State’s GoTeacher program is also getting involved with Adopt A Family as translators and interpreters.

The students from Ecuador involved in the GoTeacher program are here for seven months, taking courses to improve their English skills and teaching methods. Once completing the program, the students then return to Ecuador where they teach English as a second language.

“It is all an interconnected web that allowed our students to participate in Adopt a Family,” said Effie Swanson, program manager for continuing education at K-State. “I will say that the first student who volunteered today sent me a very excited email, telling me how much she enjoyed the experience. I hope that we can build a tradition of partnering between GoTeacher and Adopt a Family in the future.”

*Editor’s Note: This article was completed as an assignment for a class in the A.Q. Miller School of Journalism and Mass Communications.*

# Wildcats eat Bears for dinner as K-State dominates on Sunday



Emily DeShazer | Collegian  
K-State senior **Shane Southwell** led the Wildcats with 17 points yesterday against Central Arkansas.

# WBBALL | Romero, Texada shine


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the Wildcats to their most impressive defensive performance of the season. K-State held Virginia to 28 percent shooting, and got huge stops down the stretch when they needed them most. Romero and Texada were again spectacular in the backcourt, combining for 20 points, 19 rebounds and eight assists. According to the K-State sports website, this was the first win for the Wildcats outside of the United States since 2004.

The Wildcats have struggled from three-point range so far this season, and will look to improve upon their arrival back in Manhattan. Even with the offensive troubles, the defense has been solid, helping keep the team in games. If the freshmen can continue to mesh with the upperclassmen, and the offense can begin to find a groove, this team could do some damage moving into conference play.

K-State will take a week off before returning to action on Saturday against Grambling State. The Wildcats will play two-consecutive home games before heading out on a three-game road trip.


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